

Resilient First Coast Partner Agreement

Resilient First Coast is a regional resiliency collaborative for Northeast Florida comprised of a group of stakeholders who have an interest in making the region more resilient to the effects of climate change. The collaborative will provide a formal platform for members to: work together to create guidelines for the development of resilient communities; learn “Best Practices” from each other and from other regions; and leverage regional resilience efforts, to enhance funding and increase competitiveness for grant funds. The collaborative is open to membership from all sectors, including local government, business, non-profit organizations, academia, and state agencies. This partner agreement sets forth the commitments of membership for the collaborative.

Regional Cooperation:

The Members will work together to maximize their efforts to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change by: identifying vulnerabilities to the effects of climate change in their communities; sharing vulnerability assessment methodologies and data; planning for mitigation and adaptation actions that will enhance the resiliency of their communities; learning from each other through sharing their knowledge from prior efforts and planning documents; leveraging their opportunities; and pursuing public private partnerships.

Regional Resiliency Action Plan:

The Members will participate in the development of a Regional Resiliency Action Plan which shall include strategies for coordinated regional preparation for and adaptation to a rapidly changing environment.

Basis of Planning:

The Members will base strategies and actions on commonly accepted methodologies and valid technical data while working together to use recognized and consistent projections to assess vulnerability and inform planning efforts. The Collaborative will work to develop a useful model of a thorough vulnerability assessment, coordinate the data and findings of past, current and future VA's and use the results of vulnerability assessments to inform specific resiliency measures.

Strategy:

The Members will develop strategies which recognize the region-specific vulnerabilities of Northeast Florida to the impacts of extreme weather and climate change and include recommendations for the pursuit of state and federal resources.

Community Involvement:

The Members will work collaboratively to recognize and engage the whole regional community, involving a diverse stakeholder representation in developing policies and recommendations for implementation of the Regional Resiliency Action Plan. The Collaborative will encourage representation from at-risk, under-represented, and all other communities.

Collaboration:

Resilient First Coast will serve as the entity to provide a collaborative platform and seek resources in furtherance of the priorities identified by the Collaborative.

Membership:

The Members can participate in Resilient First Coast as Collaborative Members and can additionally serve on the Steering Committee or one of the following other committees: Technical Committee, Policy Committee, Community Engagement Committee, Funding Committee, or others.

Intent:

The Members each join Resilient First Coast as an expression of their intent and commitment to work together on a regional level to identify and address the effects of climate change including but not limited to flooding, wind damage, and extreme weather.

The partner identified below agrees to these commitments of membership in Resilient First Coast.

Organization Name

Representative Signee Name

Signature

Date